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Applicant : Weh et al.

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action issued January 16, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough or brackets to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.